

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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FRIDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2025

1. Mr M B Ngqentsu to ask Mr I M Sileku, Minister of Mobility:

With reference to the audit processes and outcomes of the Auditor-General (AG):

Whether a copy of the management letter or letters issued by the Auditor-General for his Department in the (i) 2023/24 and (ii) 2024/25 financial years can be made available?

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2. Mr N P Masipa to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

(1) (a) What preparations have been undertaken by the Department and its entities to ready the province for the 2025/26 peak tourism season and (b) which public or private partners are involved in these preparations;

(2) (a) what support, if any, is being provided to tourism businesses and operators ahead of the season and (b) how many firms or SMMEs are expected to benefit from this support;

(3) (a) what collaboration has taken place with the SAPS, municipalities or other departments to strengthen tourism safety and visitor management and (b) what specific initiatives are being implemented under this collaboration;

(4) (a) what is his Department's forecast for total tourist arrivals to the province for the period December 2025 to January 2026 and (b) what estimated (i) economic contribution and (ii) employment impact are projected for this period;

(5) (a) what were the key lessons or outcomes from the previous summer season that have informed this year's readiness planning and (b) how are these lessons being incorporated into current implementation strategies?

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3. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

With reference to his reply to question 2 of 11 July 2025:

- (1) Of those 1 274 informal settlements in the Western Cape, how many, if any, are on (a) privately owned land, (b) land owned by the national government, (c) land owned by the provincial government and (d) land owned by local governments;
- (2) whether his Department does not include informal settlements on privately owned land; if so, what is the (a) full extent of the number of informal settlements in the province and (b) number of households located in informal settlements;
- (3) whether (a) backyard dwellings and (b) informal structures in formal areas are included in these figures; if not, why not;
- (4) (a) when was the 2024 Informal Settlements Database last updated and (b) how frequently is it revised;
- (5) whether there has been an increase or decrease in the number of (a) informal settlements or (b) households in informal settlements compared to previous years; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (6) which municipalities have experienced the fastest growth in informal settlements?

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4. Mr B N Herron to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

With reference to the recent court case of Sampson v Minister of Health and Wellness, Western Cape:

- (1) Whether she is appealing the decision; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) how much has been spent on the litigation in this case, (b) what is the quantum of the damages in this case and (c) how much has been spent on the appeal;
- (3) (a) how many times has she appealed cases of a similar nature, (b) what are the details of the cases, (c) what were the reasons for appeal, (d) how many times were the appeals successful and (e) how much has been spent in total on all these appeals;
- (4) how much has her Department spent on defending cases brought against it since 1 April 2024?

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5. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With reference to the 2022 report of the Western Cape Police Ombudsman into alleged links between members of the SAPS and organised crime syndicates:

- (1) On what date did he receive the report from the Ombudsman;
- (2) whether he or any other member of his Cabinet has formally engaged with the national Minister of Police regarding the contents of the report; if not, why not; if so, what were the outcomes of such engagements;
- (3) given that the report was submitted in 2022, what measures has the Western Cape Government taken in the interim to (a) address or (b) monitor alleged gang infiltration in SAPS structures in the province;

- (4) whether he has communicated any timeline or intention to release the report, in full or in part, to the public or to the Western Cape Provincial Parliament; if not, why not; if so, what is the timeline?

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6. Ms N D Nkondlo to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

- (1) (a) What percentage of the provincial gross domestic product is contributed by SMMEs, (b) what sources of data are used to generate the response and (c) from which sectors of the economy does that contribution come;
- (2) (a) what is the target growth of SMME in the G4J Strategy in (i) numbers and (ii) sectors of the provincial economy and (b)(i) what are the plans to achieve those results and (ii) which department or departments are responsible for implementing, coordinating, reporting and measuring this target?

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7. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

Regarding the informal settlement called COVID-19:

- (1) Whether the people in the informal settlement have access to basic services such as (a) clean and safe running water, (b) adequate sanitation facilities and (c) access to safe and reliable electricity power; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether his Department has engaged the community of COVID-19, or any other informal settlement in the Cape Flats, on basic services and development in the current year; if so, how many?

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8. Mr B N Ngqentsu to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

- (1) (a) What is the current number of (i) police and (ii) metropolitan police officers in the province and (b) in the past five years, (i) what has been the intake of new recruits and (ii) how many resignations occurred among (aa) police and (bb) metropolitan police officers;
- (2) what is the current number of functional vehicles for use by (a) police and (b) metropolitan police officers in the province?

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9. Mr F Kamfer to ask Mr J J Londt, Minister of Social Development:

Given that the Department's own data indicates that 18,1% of Western Cape households experience inadequate access to food:

- (1) (a)(i) Why did his Department's programmes only reach 22 128 individuals through its nutrition centres in the last financial year and (ii) what specific and measurable plan does his Department have to bridge this gap between need and reach, (b)(i) what are the reasons for the underexpenditure in the Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Livelihoods Programme in the previous year and (ii) how will these reasons be addressed to ensure that the budget is directed to those in crisis and (c) with only 102 community nutrition and development centres (CNDCs) in the province, what are

his Department's (i) plans and (ii) time frames to expand this network to underserved areas, particularly in rural and farming communities;

- (2) (a) what is the breakdown of CNDCs per municipality, (b) what is the number of persons who have access to these centres per municipality and (c) what is the number of people in need who are being left out?

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10. Ms R Windvogel to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Concerning the reported doubling of the prevalence of HIV among adolescents between 2017 and 2022 in the province:

- (1) What is the Department's most recent data on HIV prevalence among (a) adolescents (10 to 19 years), (b) youths (15 to 24 years) and (c) young adults (25 to 35 years) in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021, (iv) 2022, (v) 2023, (vi) 2024 and (vii) 2025 to date;
- (2) (a) why have the provincial government's existing social-behaviour change and youth-empowerment interventions failed to reverse this trend and (b) what new and targeted preventative programmes will be implemented to reduce HIV transmission effectively in this vulnerable age group, especially in high-risk communities?

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11. Mr F Kamfer to ask Mr J J Londt, Minister of Social Development:

Acknowledging that scores of young people in the province face intersecting threats of gang recruitment, substance abuse and violence:

- (a) (i) Why do his Department's youth development programmes (such as youth cafés and EPWP placements) reach fewer than 15 000 young people and (ii) what is the concrete plan to scale these interventions to match the scale of need, (b) how does his Department specifically (i) target and (ii) measure the impact of its programmes on the youth in the top 20 most high-risk crime precincts in order to prevent gang recruitment and (c) what are the details of his Department's programmes intended to prevent (i) gang recruitment, (ii) substance abuse and (iii) other social ills have been implemented in the top 10 murder precincts in the province from 2019 to 2025 to date?

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12. Mr P Johnson to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

- (1) Whether his Department has any policies, directives or standard operating procedures in place to report child births to the relevant authorities, either in terms of (a) section 110(1) of the Children's Act, 2005 (Act 38 of 2005), or (b) otherwise; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether his Department provides any training to its staff on the reporting requirements in terms of section 110(1) of the Children's Act; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what is the total number of girl learners for the period 2015 to date who have not returned to complete their schooling after giving birth;

- (4) what is the total number of boy learners who have become fathers in the period 2020 to 2025 to date in each of the following age cohorts, (a) 10 years and younger, (b) 11 to 15 years and (c) 16 to 19 years and (d) of these boy learners, how many have dropped out of school after becoming fathers?

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13. Ms B M van Minnen to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

- (1) (a) What was the final appropriation to the SAPS Detective Services in the Western Cape for the 2024/25 financial year and (b) what amount of this budget was actually spent in the province;
- (2) how many active criminal cases are currently under investigation by SAPS detectives in the province,
- (3) (a) how much has been spent on the training and professional development of detectives in the province during the 2024/25 financial year and (b) how does this compare to the planned training budget;
- (4) (a) how many operational vehicles are currently allocated to Detective Services in the province, (b) how many of these vehicles are out of service and (c) what is the budgeted amount for the maintenance and replacement of these vehicles;
- (5) (a) how many detectives are currently assigned to specialised units, such as (i) family violence, (ii) child protection, (iii) sexual offences (FCS) and (iv) organised-crime investigations in the province, and (b) what proportion of the total Detective Services budget supports these specialised units;
- (6) what portion of the Detective Services budget is allocated to the improvement of investigative tools?

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14. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander to ask Mr J J Londt, Minister of Social Development:

- (1) (a)(i) How many social workers are currently employed by the Department to provide services to victims of gender-based violence (GBV) and (ii) how are they distributed across the province and (b) how many beneficiaries have accessed these services in 2025 to date;
- (2) (a) what measures are in place to ensure the safety and well-being of social workers dealing with GBV cases and (b) how many incidents of threats or violence against social workers have been reported in the past two financial years;
- (3) (a) how does his Department coordinate with the SAPS, the Western Cape Department of Health and Wellness and the national Department of Justice in managing GBV cases and (b) what formal protocols guide this collaboration;
- (4) (a) how many shelters are currently supported by his Department, (b) what is their current occupancy rate and (c) what plans are in place to expand capacity in high-demand areas;
- (5) (a) what key challenges have been identified by social workers in implementing the provincial GBV Strategy and (b) what steps has his Department taken to address these challenges?

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15. Mr P Johnson to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

- (1) (a) What total budget has his Department allocated to school safety and security for the 2025/26 festive season and (b) how will it be spent;
- (2) (a) which areas have been identified as hotspots for crime, vandalism or theft at schools, (b) what were the (i) total number and (ii) type of incidents reported from term 1 to term 3 of 2025 in these areas and (c) what has been the total cost to his Department for repairs, replacements and security interventions in these areas;
- (3) (a) what lessons learnt from previous holiday periods and festive seasons are being applied to improve school safety in the 2025/26 festive season and (b) what is his Department's focus for the 2025/26 festive season;
- (4) whether there are partnerships with law enforcement agencies, community organisations or private security providers to enhance school safety; if so, (a) what are the roles of each partner and (b) how will these partnerships be coordinated during the 2025/26 festive season?

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16. Mr N P Masipa to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

- (1) (a) What is his Department's current evaluation of the foot and mouth disease (FMD) outbreak, given reports of cases linked to livestock movements from the province, and (b) from which districts or municipalities did the affected animals originate;
- (2) (a) what measures have been implemented by his Department to contain and control the disease in affected or high-risk areas and (b) how are these efforts being coordinated with the national veterinary authorities;
- (3) (a) what protocols are in place to detect and report suspected cases of FMD and (b) what awareness or compliance campaigns have been rolled out to ensure adherence to these requirements;
- (4) (a) what is the current capacity of the provincial veterinary services to manage potential outbreaks, including the number of (i) veterinarians and (ii) animal health technicians deployed, and (b) what additional resources or support are being mobilised to strengthen response capacity;
- (5) (a) what progress has been made in the ongoing investigation into the movement of affected cattle linked to suspected transporters in the Gouda area, (b) how many (i) transport companies and (ii) properties have been identified and inspected to date and (c) what penalties or enforcement actions are being considered in cases of confirmed non-compliance with animal health regulations?

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17. Ms B M van Minnen to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

- (1) (a) What was the final appropriation to the SAPS Crime Intelligence in the province for the 2024/25 financial year and (b) what amount of this budget was actually spent in the province;

- (2) (a) how many crime intelligence officers are currently deployed in the province, (b) how are they distributed across the province and (c) what portion of the Crime Intelligence budget supports field operations versus administrative costs;
- (3) (a) how many intelligence-driven operations have been conducted in the province during the 2024/25 financial year, (b) what portion of the budget was used for these operations and (c) what has been the success rate of these operations;
- (4) what systems are in place to track expenditure and performance in the Crime Intelligence budget to ensure alignment with national and provincial crime reduction priorities?

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18. Mr M Booysen to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

With respect to the ongoing outbreak of measles:

- (1) Whether her Department has put any interventions in place to prevent the further spread of the disease; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) how many vaccination sites are currently administering measles vaccines in the province;
- (3) whether her Department possess an adequate supply of measles vaccines; if so, what are the relevant details?

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19. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander to ask Mr J J Londt, Minister of Social Development:

- (1) (a) What are the procedures and criteria to (i) register a drug rehabilitation facility with his Department and (ii) qualify to receive departmental support for such a facility and (b) what support are currently provided by his Department to registered rehabilitation facilities;
- (2) (a) how many registered drug rehabilitation facilities are currently operating in the province and (b) how many patients were treated at these registered facilities in (i) 2023, (ii) 2024 and (iii) 2025 to date?

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20. Mr P Johnson to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

With reference to section 110(1) of the Children's Act, 2005 (Act 38 of 2005):

- (1) What monitoring and evaluation mechanisms are in place to ensure that all departmental employees comply with the provisions of the Children's Act in reporting suspected cases of sexual abuse and statutory rape involving children;
- (2) whether his Department provides training to staff on the reporting requirements stipulated in the Act; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether his Department has policies, directives or standard operating procedures in place to report cases of girls who give birth to the relevant authorities in terms of the Children's Act; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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21. Ms B M van Minnen to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

- (1) (a) What is the number of reported extortion-related crimes for each SAPS precinct in the Western Cape during the 2024/25 financial year and (b) what targeted interventions have been implemented in these high-incidence areas;
- (2) (a) how many arrests have been made in connection with extortion cases in the province since 1 April 2024 and (b) how many convictions have been secured;
- (3) (a) what extortion-related crimes have been recorded and (b) what is the total estimated value of the economic loss linked to these crimes;
- (4) (a) how many extortion cases in the province have been linked to organised criminal gangs and (b) what proportion of these are under investigation by specialised organised crime units;
- (5) (a) how many dedicated SAPS task teams are currently operating in the province to combat extortion, (b) what are their areas of deployment and (c) what budget has been allocated to these teams in the 2024/25 financial year;
- (6) (a) how many extortion-related cases remain under investigation in the Western Cape and (b) what measures are in place to reduce investigative backlogs?

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22. Mr T R C Walters to ask Mr A R Winde, Premier:

With regard to free Wi-Fi hotspots operated by the provincial government:

- (1) What are the locations of the 10 most-used hotspots in terms of (a) data used and (b) unique connections;
- (2) (a) what are the 10 most popular websites visited at the hotspots and (b) how many visitors were there in 2025 to date for each website;
- (3) (a) how many gigabytes of data were used at the free hotspots in total in 2025 to date and (b) what is the monthly average;
- (4) (a) what was the total percentage downtime for the hotspots as a whole and (b) what measures are in place to minimise downtime?

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23. Prof N Mbombo to ask Mr I M Sileku, Minister of Mobility:

- (a) Since the start of the 2025/26 financial year to date, what progress has been made in expanding the Go George public transport service, (b) what specific routes or areas have been added or are currently under development as part of this expansion, (c) what has been the total cost of the expansion to date, including (i) infrastructure, (ii) operational and (iii) contractual costs, (d) how much of this cost has been funded by the (i) Western Cape Government, (ii) George Municipality and (iii) national government respectively and (e) what are the Department's projected (i) timelines and (ii) budget allocations for the further rollout of the Go George services during the remainder of the 2025/26 financial year?

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24. Mr D W Bryant to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

- (1) What is the (a) current financial status of the Kannaland Municipality, including the total outstanding debt to (i) Eskom, (ii) the Western Cape Government and (iii) other creditors, (b) current consumer debt owed to the municipality and (c) status of the basic service delivery in Kannaland, including (i) access to water, (ii) sanitation and (iii) refuse removal,
- (2) (a) what interventions has his Department implemented in the past three years to stabilise Kannaland's administration, including any deployment of financial or technical experts, and (b) what measurable improvements have resulted;
- (3) whether his Department has investigated governance, maladministration or corruption in Kannaland; if so, what (a) were the outcomes and (b) corrective actions have been taken?

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25. Mr N P Masipa to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

- (1) (a) What are the projected production volumes for (i) table grapes and (ii) wine grapes in the province for the 2025 harvest season and (b) how do these projections compare to the previous year's yields;
- (2) (a) how many workers are expected to be employed during the 2025 harvest season and (b) what portion of these are seasonal employment opportunities;
- (3) (a) what measures has his Department implemented to support producers with market access and export readiness ahead of the harvest and (b) which international markets are expected to receive the largest share of province's grape exports?

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26. Mr D J Wessels to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

- (1) (a) What is the current status of all the existing road infrastructure projects in the Western Cape and (b) for each project, (i) what is the total estimated cost, (ii) how much has been spent to date, (iii) how many kilometres of road have been completed since the commencement of the project and (iv) what progress has been made during the current financial year;
- (2) (a) what are the main causes of any delays experienced in the implementation of these road projects and (b) what measures has the Department put in place to address these delays?

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27. Mr D W Bryant to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

- (1) (a) What is the current status of the investigation into the slaughter of tortoises at the Table Bay Nature Reserve and (b) which law enforcement or conservation agencies are leading the investigation;

- (2) (a) what coordination or support has been provided by CapeNature or his Department to the City of Cape Town and the SAPS regarding this case and (b) what mechanisms are in place to ensure jurisdictional clarity in similar incidents;
- (3) (a) how many cases of wildlife poaching or illegal harvesting have been reported in urban or peri-urban conservation areas of the province in recent years and (b) what species have been most affected;
- (4) (a) what measures are currently being implemented to strengthen enforcement and monitoring in urban nature reserves and (b) how are communities being engaged to report on or prevent wildlife crime?

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28. Mr M Booysen to ask Ms M M Wenger, Minister of Health and Wellness:

- (a) How many patients has the Department treated for tuberculosis in (i) 2023, (ii) 2024 and (iii) 2025 to date, (b) to what extent does tuberculosis continue to threaten public health in the province and (c) what challenges does her Department face in responding to tuberculosis in the province?

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29. Prof N Mbombo to ask Mr I M Sileku, Minister of Mobility:

- (1) (a) What initiatives has his Department implemented or plans to implement to alleviate traffic congestion in and around Stellenbosch, particularly during peak travel hours, (b) what specific role does his Department play in coordinating with (i) the Stellenbosch Municipality and (ii) other stakeholders, such as the Western Cape Department of Infrastructure and the South African National Roads Agency Limited (Sanral), to identify and address congestion hotspots in the area;
- (2) whether his Department has conducted or commissioned any traffic flow studies, congestion assessments or transport modelling for Stellenbosch in the past three financial years; if not, why not; if so, (a) what were the key findings, (b) what were the identified congestion hotspots and (c) what data (for example traffic volumes, average peak-hour delays or travel time indices) were recorded;
- (3) what is the estimated time frame for the implementation of the (a) short-, (b) medium- and (c) long-term interventions identified to reduce congestion in Stellenbosch and along its main access routes, including the R44, the R310, Adam Tas Road and the Stellenbosch arterial network;
- (4) what is the total budget allocation and expenditure to date for any congestion alleviation or mobility improvement projects in the Stellenbosch area, broken down by (a) project and (b) financial year?

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30. Mr D J Wessels to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

- (a) What is the current status of all existing housing projects in the Western Cape and (b) for each project, (i) what is the total estimated cost, (ii) how much has been spent to date, (iii) how many housing units have been completed since the commencement of the project and (iv) what progress has been made during the current financial year and (c)(i) what are the main causes of any delays experienced in the implementation of these housing projects and (ii) what measures has his Department put in place to address such delays?

31. Prof N Mbombo to ask Mr I M Sileku, Minister of Mobility:

(a) What is the current readiness of the province for the implementation of the Aarto Act, including (i) systems, (ii) infrastructure and (iii) staff training, (b)(i) what is the total estimated cost for implementing Aarto in the province and (ii) how many additional staff members are required, including the cost of their recruitment and training, (c)(i) what challenges or risks could affect the rollout and (ii) what measures is the Department taking to address them and (d) by what date does his Department expect full operational readiness for Aarto in the province?

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32. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander to ask Mr J J Londt, Minister of Social Development:

In terms of section 110(1) of the Children's Act, 2005 (Act 38 of 2005), when reporting cases of child and statutory rape where a girl has given birth, terminated a pregnancy, suffered a miscarriage or is currently pregnant:

(a) What is the total number of Form 22s received from (i) a designated child protection organisation, (ii) the Department of Health, (iii) the Department of Basic Education, (iv) members of the public and (v) the South African Police Service in (aa) 2020, (bb) 2021, (cc) 2022, (dd) 2023, (ee) 2024 and (ff) 2025 to date and (b) of these referrals received in (a) above, how many were handed over or notifications were given to the South African Police Service for investigation for suspected statutory rape or sexual abuse?

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PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 28 November 2025. Should the replies not be submitted before or on the deadline, the Members have the right to have the questions transferred to the Question Paper for oral reply in accordance with Rule 206.